


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM: David D. Gries 
Director of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: DCI's Meeting with the House Intelligence Committee
on 10 December 1987

Chairman Stokes invited the Director to an informal session. Also attending were Mrs. Kennelly, Messrs. Daniel, Roe, Kastenmeier, Beilenson, McCurdy, Stokes, Lungren, Cheney, Shuster, and Hyde. Although Minority Leader Michel was present when the Director arrived he had to leave shortly after the session started. Representing the staff were Messrs. Latimer, O'Neil, Giza, Nelson and myself. The setting was unusual. A long table laden with soft drinks, cheese, and fruit was placed in the middle of the horseshoe in the hearing room. The Director sat next to the Chairman at the head of the horseshoe. The other Members took chairs on either side and I sat with the House Intelligence Committee staff behind the Director. These arrangements helped establish the relaxed, friendly tone that characterized the proceedings.

Mr. Beilenson was initially in the chair. He welcomed the Director and urged that such sessions be repeated "with some frequency, both on the Hill and at the Agency." He said "the Committee was anxious to help. We believe in your mission and we want to support you."

The Director said that things were beginning to take shape. He did not want the Agency to repeat the turmoil occasioned by the Church/Pike Committees; he recognized however that steps would have to be taken to remedy mistakes. He hoped to take these steps without destroying morale. He was pleased to announce the selection of Dick Stolz as his new Deputy Director for Operations; replacing Clair George around the first of the year. The Director had telephoned the news about Stolz to the Chairman and Mr. Hyde.

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